

## **CEO Report to the Atikokan General Hospital Board**

**Regular Meeting, September 7, 2016**

**New Additions and renovations** – We are on schedule to occupy the 11 new acute beds in October, and to have full occupancy in the renovated area by next summer. We are proceeding in stages to renovate the old acute wing. Contractors have had access to the old birthing room plus another patient room so that they can rebuild to meet the standard for NOSM. In mid-September we plan to occupy the three NOSM rooms with patients and take out three more rooms (# 8, 9, and 10) and continue the renovations. Our nursing, housekeeping and maintenance staff must be commended for their willingness to adapt and be flexible with the disruptions and changes that are happening in the workplace. Of note is that a charity golf tournament occurred last month that involved over 12 contract companies. Their workers raised over \$5,000 for our Foundation. Finally, last week our MPP the Honourable Bill Mauro and his Atikokan assistant Sally Burns made a visit to the new area and were very impressed with the progress.

**Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre President Visit-** On August 8, Jean Bartkowiak visited Atikokan General. He shared the challenges TBRHSC is experiencing with high demands for beds that exceeds the supply. We talked about what we need in the district and some opportunities for the Regional to provide better service to the District. One of their goals is to improve delivery of cardiovascular surgery and access to specialized care. One way we can help is to partner in patient flow and ensure we are maximizing all opportunities for repatriating patients back to AGH. The completion of our new acute and long term care beds should help free up more opportunities to ease the pressure in Thunder Bay. Other opportunities to keep patients closer to home here in Atikokan are the Regional Transfer Nurse Project, the Regional Critical Care Program, and more community health care services.

**New Staff** – Eleven new staff have been hired since June 1. Among them is Peter Kronenberg our Human Resources assistant who comes to us with an HR certificate and over four years of experience. Tina Selman will be our new Financial Manager replacing Kim Cross as the financial manager but not as the VP Corporate Services. And Jennifer Learning will be replacing Esther Richards as the Chief Nursing officer. Tina and Jennifer start next week while Esther and Kim will be with us until the end of October.